IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE SIDE

CRI. WRIT PETITION NO. 723 OF 2004

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and Registrar's orders. :

Mr. Sandesh D. Patil for the petitioner.

Mr. D.N. Salvi for the Resp. No.1.

CORAM: R.M.S. KHANDEPARKAR & P.V. KAKADE, JJ.

DATED: 18TH FEBRUARY, 2005

P.C.:

1. Heard advocates for the parties. The learned advocate appearing for the respondent No.1, after taking instructions in the matter, has submitted that already the chemical analyzer, complainant and a puncha have been examined in the matter and apart from investigating officer whose examination is in progress, two more witnesses are required to be examined. Considering the same, we do not find it to be necessary to grant extension of six months as asked for. In our considered opinion, extension till 30.4.2005 will be more than sufficient not only for recording of the evidence and hearing of the arguments but also

for pronouncement of judgment in the matter. Considering the various dates of hearing disclosed in the record submitted by the Presiding Officer of the Court, we are not at all satisfied about the progress in the matter. The Presiding Officer has to ensure speedy hearing of the matter and in case of non-cooperation by the parties, necessary steps to be taken. In any case, matter should be disposed of on or before 30.4.2005 and compliance report in that regard should be filed before this Court in the first week of May, 2005.

(R.M.S. Khandeparkar, J.)

(P.V. Kakade, J.)